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**REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed on June 25, 2007. First of all, it is noted with great appreciation the Examiner has withdrawn the objection to Applicants' claim for foreign priority and the rejection of claims 90, 53-58, 72-75 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Additionally, the Examiner has kindly pointed out that the Applicants have adopted an improper status identifier in reference to claim 94. In the Office Action, the Examiner has further indicated that claims 53-58, 72-75, 90-91 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements.

In response to the notification of the improper use of the status identifier, Applicants have amended the status identifier of claim 94 to "new".

Applicants have also amended to claims 55, 75 and 90 to correct minor editorial errors. It is believed that no new matter is added by way of these amendments made to the claims or otherwise to the application.

Regarding to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, the Office indicates that while the preamble in claim 90 recites "A medium for separating", the claim only recites compounds of the general formula V. The Office further indicates that "the omitted elements are: support material to immobilize the compounds of general formula V". Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claim 90 **does contain** such a reference in the last line of the claim, which recites "....immobilized on a support material". For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections. Since claims 53-58, 72-75, 91,

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and 94 are directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 90, Applicants submit that the rejections to claims 53-58, 72-75, 91, and 94 have also been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims 53-58, 72-75, 90-91, and 94 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

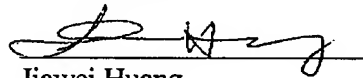
### CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the presently pending claims 53-58, 72-75, 90-91, and 94 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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